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Robust Carbon Monolith having Hierarchical Porosity

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The Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner under 37 CFR § 1.102(c) and in accordance with MPEP 708.02 IV because of the age of an inventor in the above identified patent application. Inventor Georges A. Guiochon is 72 years of age, as evidenced by his Tennessee Driver License, a certified copy of which is appended hereto and labeled as Exhibit A. No fee is required with this petition.

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